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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: U.S. WINE EXPORTS/FRENCH CUSTOMS

REF: BRUSSELS 6499

1. SEAGRAMS VINTNERS HAS REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING RELEASE OF PAUL MASSON WINE CURRENTLY BEING
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HELD BY FRENCH CUSTOM AUTHORITIES. THIS SHIPMENT WAS

INTENDED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE UPCOMING BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND.

2. THE WINE WAS TRANSSHIPPED THROUGH BELGIUM TO PARIS WHERE IT IS BEING HELD IN A BONDED WAREHOUSE BECAUSE SHIPMENT NOT ACCOMPANIED BY FORM VI-1DOCUMENT FOR

IMPORTATION OF WINE FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

3. FORM VI-1 IS AN EC CHEMICAL ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE. EC COMMISSION HAS EXEMPTED U.S. FROM ITS CERTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS UNTIL JUNE 30, 1978 FOR ALL U.S. WINES REGARDLESS OF INTENDED USE. IN IMPLEMENTING EXEMPTION, EC COMMISSION PERIODICALLY REVIEWS STATUS OF A COUNTRY'S WINE EXPORTS TO EC AND GRANTS WAIVERS FOR ACTUALLY SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME. RECENTLY, COMMISSION

GRANTED U.S. EXEMPTION TO MARCH 31, 1977 (EC COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 673/76 - OFFICIAL JOURNAL NO. L. 81 OF MARCH 27, 1976). THUS, NO RPT NO FORM VI-1 REQUIRED FOR ANY SHIPMENT OF U.S. WINE. U.S. HAS RECEIVED THIS EXEMPTION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

4. FRENCH CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES MAY BE UNAWARE OF EC COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 673/76 AND IMPROPERLY HOLDING PAUL MASSON WINE SHIPMENT. EMBASSY PARIS REQUESTED TO CONTACT:

SEAGRAMS VINTNERS FRANCE
14 RUE DE LAVERRIERIE
BORDEAUX (MR. TESSEON)

OR

SEAGRAMS BELGIUM
PLANTIN MORETUSLEI 295
B/2200 BORGERHOUT, BELGIUM
ATTN: MR. RODGER JENSSENS

TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS OF MATTER; AND IF REQUIRED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF SHIPMENT ASAP AND TO DISCUSS PROBLEM IN DETAIL TO AVOID RECURRENCES AND ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF GENERAL PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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